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**Re: MUR 5863**

Dear Sir/Madam.

The Reston Citizens Association (RCA) is a nonprofit civic association serving approximately 60,000 people living in the Reston area of Virginia. RCA has very modest financial resources derived from voluntary contributions and proceeds from special events. It is run by volunteers, including a thirteen volunteer board of directors. In the absence of government (Reston is not incorporated as a political entity), RCA seeks to promote and protect the social and political interests of the Reston community, providing a forum for residents, and serving as a voice and advocate for the community with County and State government.

With respect to this FEC complaint, MUR 5863, RCA submits the following

- 1 RCA agreed with Reston Impact to co-sponsor the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District forum, to be broadcast on Comcast Channel 28, a local community, public service, channel, to take place on October 9, 2006 at 8PM
- 2 The forum was held as indicated, with Congressman Jim Moran and Candidate Tom O'Donoghue participating. The complaining party, Jim Hurysz, did not participate.
- 3 In the division of responsibilities between co-sponsors, control of the debate and determination of who participated rested in the hands of Reston Impact. RCA gave its name as a sponsor and provided two volunteers to support the debate itself. Reston Impact determined the criteria for participation.
- 4 RCA had no notice of Candidate Hurysz's letter of October 1, 2006.
- 5 With respect to criteria for participation, RCA's understanding is that Reston Impact selected participants based on a two step process: 1) Each candidate would participate in a Reston Impact broadcasted individual interview, and 2) candidates completing the individual interview would take part in the debate.
- 6 Candidates Moran and O'Donoghue completed the individual interviews. Candidate Hurysz did not.

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- 7 Tapes of the debate are available and show that the debates were conducted fairly and without partiality Both Republican and Democratic participants complimented Reston Impact on the quality of the debate

Request a determination that RCA has not committed a violation of federal election laws regarding MUR 5863

If there are any questions or further information is needed, please email me at



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